

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-97

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: February 10, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: February 10, 2026

Type of Action: Approval of settlement

Bill Summary: This bill approves the Settlement Agreement in the lawsuit filed by the City in the Fourth Judicial Circuit styled City of Jacksonville v. Otis Elevator Company, Duval County Circuit Court Case No. 16-2024-CA-000270.

Background Information: This lawsuit stems from elevator maintenance and service issues, as well as alleged overcharges, during the 2017 and 2018 time period under the Otis Elevator contracts. The parties have reached an agreement that Otis Elevator will pay \$100,000 to the City in exchange for a dismissal of the lawsuit with prejudice and a mutual release in order to avoid the uncertainty and expense of continued litigation and trial. This Agreement is entered into as a compromise of a disputed Claims, and is not intended to, nor shall it be construed as, an admission of any negligence, breach of contract, culpability, liability, wrongdoing, or breach on the part of any Party.

Policy Impact Area: Legal settlement

Fiscal Impact: Otis Elevator will pay \$100,000 to the City

Analyst: Hampsey